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★時空を越えて、古代ヒッタイト帝国にやってきた少女・ユーリ。運命に翻弄されながらも、皇帝との愛を一途に貫き、皇妃として生きる道を選ぶが…？大型歴史ロマン、アナトリアの大地で堂々完結!!　番外編として、本編では語られなかったエピソードや、カイルとユーリ以後の時代の物語を豪華収録。

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The Sky is Near the Red River

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天は赤い河のほとり
(そらはあかいかわのほとり)

~ Summary Up Until Now ~

- Yuri is a very normal junior high student. In the middle of a date, she was suddenly pulled into a puddle of water.
- When she woke up, she was in an ancient Hittite empire. By the evil Queen Nakia's magic, she crossed over time and was brought as a living sacrifice.
- Yuri, who's life Nakia was after, was saved from danger by Prince Kail and given shelter in the palace as his concubine.
- Nakia, who wanted her own son Judah to be emperor, was going after Yuri and Kail's life.
- Yuri and Kail fell in love for real and after Kail was crowned as emperor Yuri, who demonstrated unimaginable strength in the battlefield, was appointed Gal Meshedi - commander of the army.

おもな 登場人物（とうじょうじんぶつ）

MAIN CHARACTERS

– KAIL –
EMPEROR OF THE HITTITE EMPIRE
IS ALSO PRIEST AND CONTROLS THE WIND

– YURI –
A NORMAL 3RD YEAR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT WHO WAS BROUGHT TO ANCIENT TURKEY/HITTITE

– QUEEN NAKIA –
TRIED TO USE YURI AS A SACRIFICE TO HAVE HER SON CROWNED BUT WAS OVERTHROWN; SHE CONTROLS WATER

- Yuri, who was pregnant Kail's child, had a miscarriage while departing for the front in Egypt because of Nakia's evil plot. Protected by General Ramses (who was in love with her), Yuri obtained evidence of Nakia's betrayal against Egypt.
- Hittite was victorious in their final battle against Egypt because of Yuri's actions. By the decision of the Congress of Elder Statesmen, Nakia was overthrown and imprisoned for life.
- To fill the vacant position of Tawananna (Queen), it was decided that Yuri would become Kail's official consort. While taking the ritual bath before marriage, Nakia escaped and set one last trap to vanquish Yuri.
- In the end, Nakia's life risking act of retaliation, resulted in the end of Judah's bid for succession and the day Yuri becomes consort has been held back until tomorrow...?!

KAIL...? WHY NOW AT THIS LATE HOUR ...?

IF IT'S ABOUT TOMORROW'S WEDDING CEREMONY, JUST TELL ME

WANT TO GET MARRIED ...

.....

ANYONE IN THE EMPIRE WOULD APPROVE YOU AS THE NEXT TAWANANNA

THERE ISN'T EVEN A PROBLEM IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND TOMORROW'S WEDDING CEREMONY AND CORONATION AS YOU ARE RIGHT NOW

PLEASE DECIDE TO LIVE IN THIS EMPIRE OF MINE

ONLY YOU CAN BE OUR BEST EMPRESS

WHAT ... IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH ME ...?

THE PROBLEM IS ME

BEFORE BEING THE TAWANANNA AND THE EMPRESS OF THE HITTITE

YOU FORGOT THAT YOU ARE TO BE MY WIFE

WIFE

ooo

PLEASE
....

I WANT
YOU
TO BE
MY WIFE

PRINCESS
YURI
ISHTAR

KAIL
...

YOUR ANSWER ...

WILL YOU ACCEPT?

KAIL...!

KAIL!!

SFX: SOUND OF FLUTTERING FABRIC

FLAP FLAP FLAP

SFX: SOUND OF FLUTTERING FABRIC

IT'S LIKE ALL THE CITIZENS OF THE EMPIRE HAVE ALREADY GATHERED

THE FRONT OF THE PALACE AND THE TEMPLE ARE SURE FULL OF PEOPLE

HERE, HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT BEFORE THE CEREMONY

YURI-SAMA YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL

HADI

I'M TOO NERVOUS, I HAVE NO APPETITE

I CAN'T

PRIN-CESS NEPHE-RUTO?

ANNOUN-CING

PRINCESS HATOORU NEPHERUTO HAS ARRIVED

ONCE YOUR WEDDING CEREMONY IS OVER, I HAVE NO MORE REASON TO STAY IN THIS COUNTRY

PRINCESS

SOON AFTER THE CEREMONY I WILL BE RETURNING HOME, SO I THOUGHT I'D MAKE MY GREETINGS NOW ...

SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU AT SUCH A TIME

BECAUSE WHEN I RETURN TO EGYPT THERE WILL BE SO MANY LOVERS WAITING FOR ME

OH, IT'S ME SO IT'S ALRIGHT

PRIN-CESS NEPHE-RUTO ...

HEY, DON'T MAKE THAT KIND OF FACE AS A BRIDE, YURI!

SFX: SOUND OF HITTING

YURI-SAMA?!

GU...

YURI?!

U...

YURI-SAMA ?! WHAT'S WRONG ?!

NO, LATELY I'VE BEEN FEELING NAUSEOUS AND MY STOMACH'S BEEN STRANGE ...

YURI! I'M SORRY IF I...

IT SEEMS LIKE IT IS ...

YURI-SAMA PERHAPS ...!!

!!

IS IT REALLY YOUR STOMACH ?

YURI

OH...!

A BABY!

SFX: SOUND OF FLUTTERING FABRIC

RECOGNIZE YURI ISHTAR AS THE OFFICIAL CONSORT OF MURSILI II

THOUSANDS OF HITTITES UNDER THE BLESSINGS OF OUR GOD TESHUPPU,

WHO REIGNS OVER ALL OTHER GODS

SFX: SOUND OF RUSTLING CLOTH

SFX: SOUND OF SLIPPING CLOTH

YES

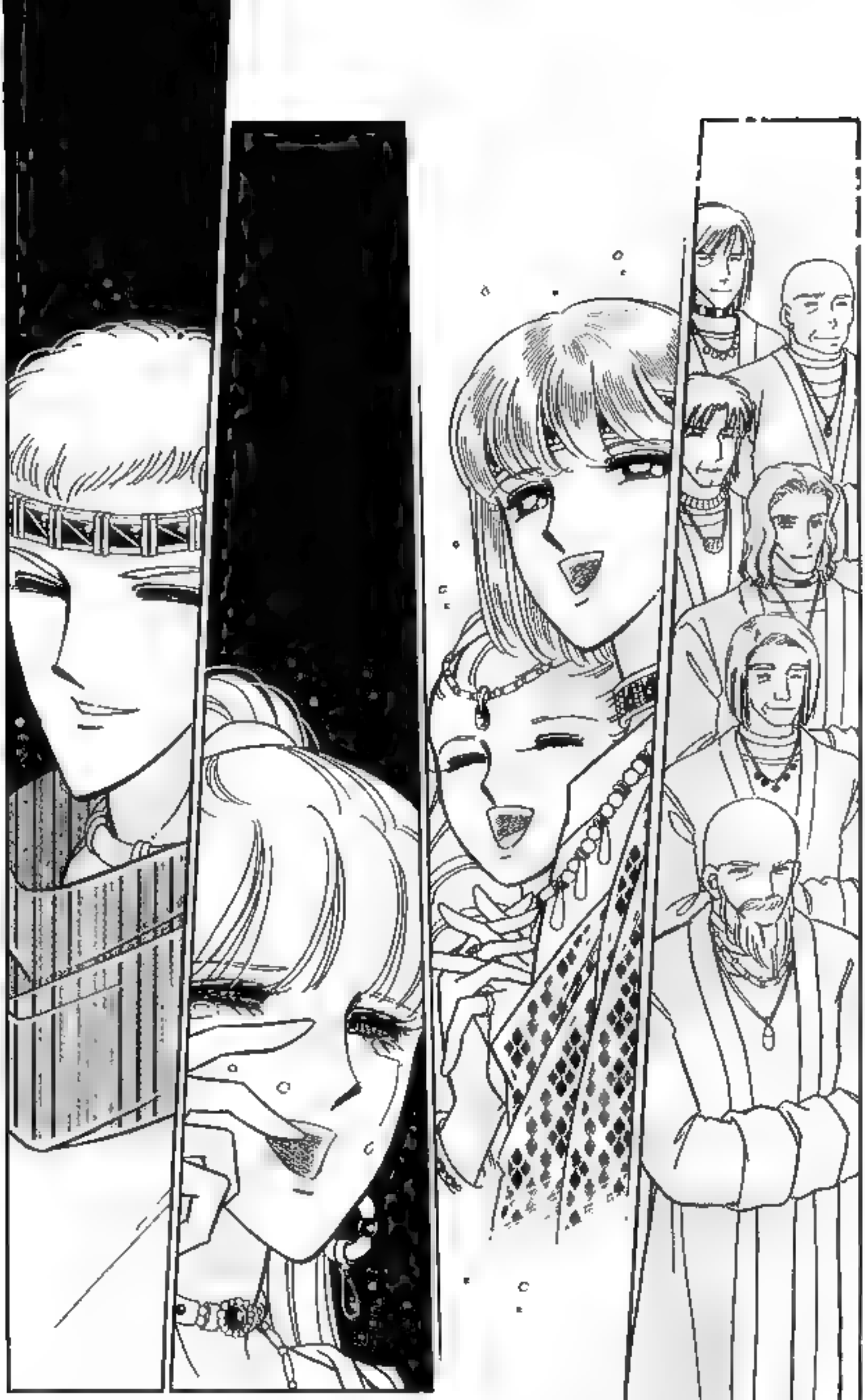
YURI ISHTAR

I PRESENT YURI ISHTAR AS TAWANANNA

IN THE NAME OF THE HITTITE EMPEROR MURSILI II

YURI ISHTAR

BECOME TAWANANNA, THE CONSORT AND QUEEN OF MURSILI II



SFX: SOUND OF FLUTTERING FABRIC

!!

.....

KAIL
...
LIM

....

REALLY?!

MM

HM?

YURI!!

AH, YOUR MAJESTY!!

PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

UNDER THE REIGN OF MURSILI II

THE HITTITE EMPIRE EXPERIENCED ITS MOST PROSPEROUS TIME IN HISTORY

THEN ABOUT 150 YEARS LATER ...

THE EMPIRE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED FROM HISTORY

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT IT WAS DESTROYED BY A NATION OF THE SEA, OR THAT IT WAS BECAUSE THE ENTIRE EMPIRE WAS ASSAULTED BY AN EPIDEMIC

BUT THERE IS NO CERTAINTY

FROM HISTORIC RUINS, THE TRACES OF A FIRE WERE DISCOVERED

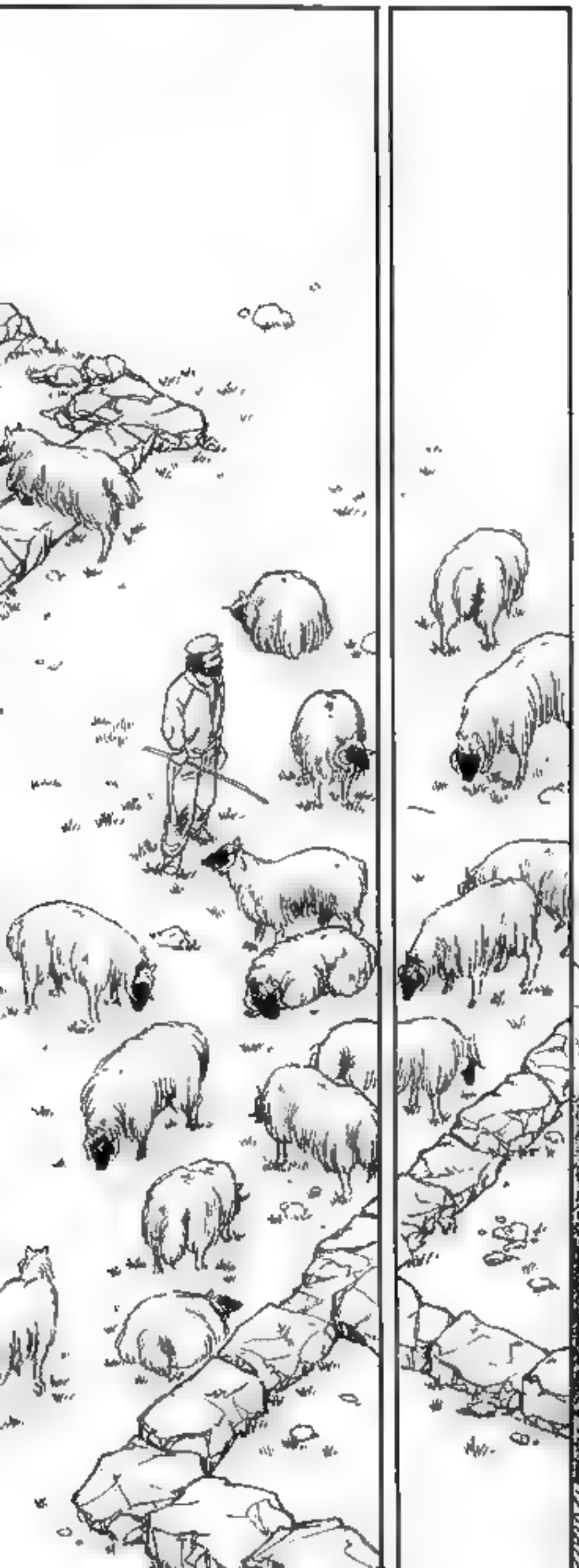
PERHAPS THE CAPITAL CITY DISAPPEARED UNDER FIRE

....

NO ONE REALLY KNOWS

TURKISH REPUBLIC

ABOUT 150 KM TO THE EAST OF THE CAPITAL CITY OF ANKARA, AT THE CENTER OF ANATOLIA PLATEAU



EMBRACED BY
THE RED RIVER,
THE RUINS
OF HATTUSA
STILL
SLEEPS NOW

THE RUINS
ARE NOW
ONLY
A GRASSY
FOUNDATION

ONLY
THE DRY
WIND
PASSES BY
...

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THE SKY IS NEAR THE RED RIVER EXTRA

天は赤い河のほとり番外編

キックリの一日

KIKKURI'S DAY

BEGINNING OF THE 20TH CENTURY

THE CENTER OF ANATOLIA PLATEAU, OF A TIME WHEN THE ERA WAS STILL CALLED OTTOMAN TURK

AT THE RUINS OF BOAZLIKYOI A NARROW VALLEY ABOUT 150 KM EAST OF ANKARA, MANY CLAY PLATES WERE DISCOVERED

番外編
EXTRA

いちにち

KIKKURI'S DAY

....

BÜYÜKKALE
KRAL SARAYI
KONIGLICHE RESIDENZ
ROYAL RESIDENCE

TECHNICAL RECORDS ABOUT HORSE TRAINING WERE DISCOVERED, ENGRAVED ON MANY CLAY PLATES

AFTER THE RUINS OF THE PALACE WERE PROVEN TO BE THE CITY OF HATTUSA

天は赤い河のほとり

THE SKY IS NEAR THE RED RIVER (EXTRA)

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KIKKURI'S DAY

IT'S
THE WORLD'S
OLDEST
HORSE TRAINING
MANUAL
NOW CALLED
"KIKKURI RECORD"

KIKKURI'S MORNINGS ARE BEGINNING EARLY

KAA

AT DAWN,

TAKE THE HORSES OUT FROM THE BARN AND TIE THEM TOGETHER IN TANK FORMATION 2 MILES OF GALLOPING AND 80 FERUDAA OF CANTERING

Both galloping

Next, 1 mile and 20 ferudaa

KIKKURI'S DAY
キックリの一日

Silence

OBSERVE HIS MAJESTY'S BATTLE HORSES, SHERI AND FERURI!!

YOU'RE SO NOISY, ASLAN!

THEN GIVE ONE CUP OF SALT WATER AND ONE CUP OF MALT WATER

Water

Water

Closer

gu-

BECAUSE OF THE SWEAT, COVERS ARE TO PUT ON THE HORSES IMMEDIATELY AND THEN THE RETURN TO THE BARN

IF YOU'RE TROUBLE-SOME, I'LL USE THE BIT ...

IT'S DESPICABLE THAT I GAVE YOU "ENCOURAGEMENT" FOUR TIMES TODAY DURING TRAINING

bun

HEY, KIKKURI

I'm going to kill you!!

Hmph

AND AT LEAST 5 RIDING HORSES TOO

WE NEED OVER 10 BATTLE HORSES

Inspector General, please calm down

ISN'T THE PASSING GRADE FOR THEM YOU SET TOO HIGH?

I CAN'T, KASH, METTAN-NAMUWA

THERE AREN'T ANY HORSES YOU CAN USE YET

Whi!?

OH

ONLY ASLAN DOESN'T HAVE WATER!

ALRIGHT, TAKE THE HORSES FROM THE BARN AND GALLOP FOR 2 MILES ONE MORE TIME

AFTER THAT 1 CUP OF MALT WATER

Buu!

NO IT'S NOT!!

HIS MAJESTY HAS MAINTAINED A PEACEFUL REIGN, BUT PREPARATION FOR TIMES WHEN THERE ARE CONFLICTS TO DEAL WITH IS THE DUTY OF A RETAINER

Ma-chan come and eat together too?

I will

REMARK-ABLE TWINS

SHOULD I HELP?

MAMA SAID IT'S TIME TO EAT

PAPA

THANKS, I'LL GO SOON

No, not free time

IT'LL BE READY SOON, SO PLEASE SIT

OH, THE COMMAN-DERS

IT'S SO GOOD THAT EVEN MILITARY MEN HAVE A BIT TIME TO LOOK AFTER THE KIDS

PUT THE LETTER THERE ... OH, PLEASE DON'T DROP IT

YES, SHALA-MAMA

YES, RYUI-MAMA

GYUZU, THESE ONES PLEASE

BAHARU, PLEASE LINE UP THESE PLATES

A DAY OF READING LESSONS ALSO TAKES SISTER A WHOLE DAY

YES, RECENTLY I'VE BEEN EXCHANGING LETTERS WITH THE IMPORTANT LEADERS OF VARIOUS NATIONS

ARE ALL OF THESE FOR YURI-SAMA? THAT SURE IS A LOT

OH,

IT'S ANOTHER INVITATION FOR YURI-SAMA FROM GENERAL RAMSES TO VISIT EGYPT

THAT MAN, THERE'S A MESSAGE SAYING HIS 10TH CONCUBINE GAVE BIRTH TO HIS 16TH CHILD THAT WAS IN PRINCESS NEFERUTO'S LETTER FROM LAST MONTH

ALNTIE ALNTIE

YES, WHAT IS IT?

COURT LADY HADI IS IN TOP SHAPE, ISN'T SHE

Throw it away, this too

Don't have to show it to the empress Court Lady Chief

SFX: SOUND OF COUGHING

ゴホ ゴホ

THANKS FOR THE MEAL

WHO SAID THAT?!

WHAT IS A COURT LADY?

WHEN I HAPPEN TO PASS BY
THE CROWN PRINCE AND YOUR TWIN BOYS ...

ILBANI-SAMA, WHAT IS IT YOU ARE LOOKING AT?

OH, KIKKURI

FATHER!

AH!

YAZU AND KISHU TOO?!

PRINCE DEIRU, WHAT IS IT THAT YOU ARE DOING?

!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ...

KIKKURI'S DAY
キックリの一日

PRINCE DEIRU! YOU GUYS!!

WONDERING WHAT FATHER AND MOTHER TALK ABOUT ...

UH ... STUDYING TO BE AN ADULT ...

STUDY EVERYTHING

ILBANI-SAMA?!

YAY

SFX: SOUND OF SUDDEN QUICK MOVEMENT

STUDY THORO-UGHLY

GOOD ATTITUDE, YOUR HIGHNESS

rustle

KAIL

WAIT ... WAIT. NO ...

rustle

SFX: SOUND OF AFFECTION

Oh, what about preparation for the New Year's celebration?

Completed!

We don't have enough copper

We have to sell it off at a high price

IF KARUKE-MISHU'S TOLL GOES UP, COMMERCE IN THE MESOPOTAMIAN DIRECTION WILL CEASE, WON'T IT

THE INEQUALITY WITH EGYPT, WHO COMES THROUGH VIA HAREBU, WILL ALSO APPEAR

BUT THIS YEAR DOMESTIC WHEAT PRODUCTION HAS FLOURISHED, SO WE CAN WELCOME THE INFLUX OF ASSYRIAN WHEAT

rummage

rustle

THEN HOW ABOUT TAXING IMPORTED WHEAT?

I'LL SEND A LETTER TO PRINCES ADDA SHARURATO TO MAKE THE ARRANGE-MENTS

OH, THAT SOUNDS GOOD

WHEN WE DECIDE THE TAX RATE, I'LL SUBMIT A REPORT TO JUDAH

feeling dejected

すごすご

SORRY

I CAN'T TAKE THAT KIND OF ADULT CONVER-SATION ANYMORE

OH, YOUR HIGHNESS

HAVE YOUR STUDIES COME TO AN END?

AFTERNOON TAKE THE HORSES TO THE RIVER AND CROSS THE WATER 5 TIMES

AFTER THE SECOND AND THE FOURTH TIME GIVE 1 HANTO OF HAY

ALRIGHT

LET'S GO BACK TO TRAINING!!

ASLAN!!

KIKKURI

YOU DON'T BELONG THERE!!

THAT'S THE PASTURE OF THE BREEDING HORSES!!

AGAIN YOU!! WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO RUN AWAY?!

YURI-SAMA

I'D LIKE TO GO TO ARINNA TEMPLE

CAN I USE ASLAN NOW?

IT'LL BE HIM AFTER ALL

WELL THEN

THIS ONE'S STILL NOT READY

wobble

ASLAN?

flourish

Pii

Piii

SFX: SOUND OF CLICK HEELS

I WILL PREPARE THE HORSE RIGHT AWAY, YURI-SAMA

ASLAN I SORRY FOR CALLING YOU OUT OF THE HAREM

.....

BECAUSE NOMINATION TO BE A SECOND IS AN HONOUR

IF YOU BECAME MORE SERIOUS,

YOU COULD INHERIT THE ASLAN NAME

Black horses ~~~...

KIKKURI'S DAY
キックリの一日

AFTER THAT

HAY FOR ALL NIGHT LONG ...

EVENING RETURN THE HORSES TO THE BARN

GIVE ONE KERU OF HAY MIXED WITH COARSELY GROUND CEREAL

I'VE DECIDED TO WRITE A TRAINING MANUAL

WORKING LATE, AREN'T YOU, KIKKURI

THAT'S GREAT

BUT KIKKURI ...

YOU SPELT THAT WRONG

くっそ～
squeeze

Damn it

THE REASON TRAINING INSTRUCTOR KIKKURI BECAME WELL KNOWN WAS BECAUSE ON HIS RECORDS THERE WERE MANY INSCRIPTIONS DIFFERENT FROM ACTUAL HITTITE

knead
knead
knead
throw

So fast !!

That's Asian I for you

Welcome back, Your Highness!

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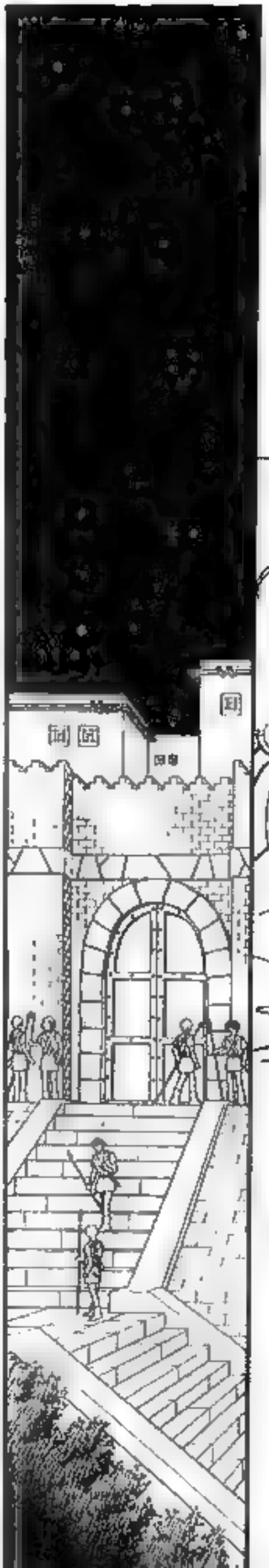
キックリの一日



KIKKURI'S RECORD IS OVER 100 PAGES AND IS INCOMPLETE IT IS THOUGHT THAT THERE ARE MANY PARTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN FOUND

THEREFORE

THE CONTENT OF THE CLAY PLATE RECORDS LIKE THE ONES ABOVE HAS UNFORTUNATELY NOT YET BEEN DISCOVERED

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THE SKY IS NEAR THE RED RIVER FAN BOOK

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The group that excavated the historic ruins of Hattuso discovered a large clay plate. On that plate, were drawn the figures Yuri, Kail, and other people of the ancient Hittite empire!
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Beneathe the sky where Yuri lived the river's stream never dried up and every man's heart could triumph

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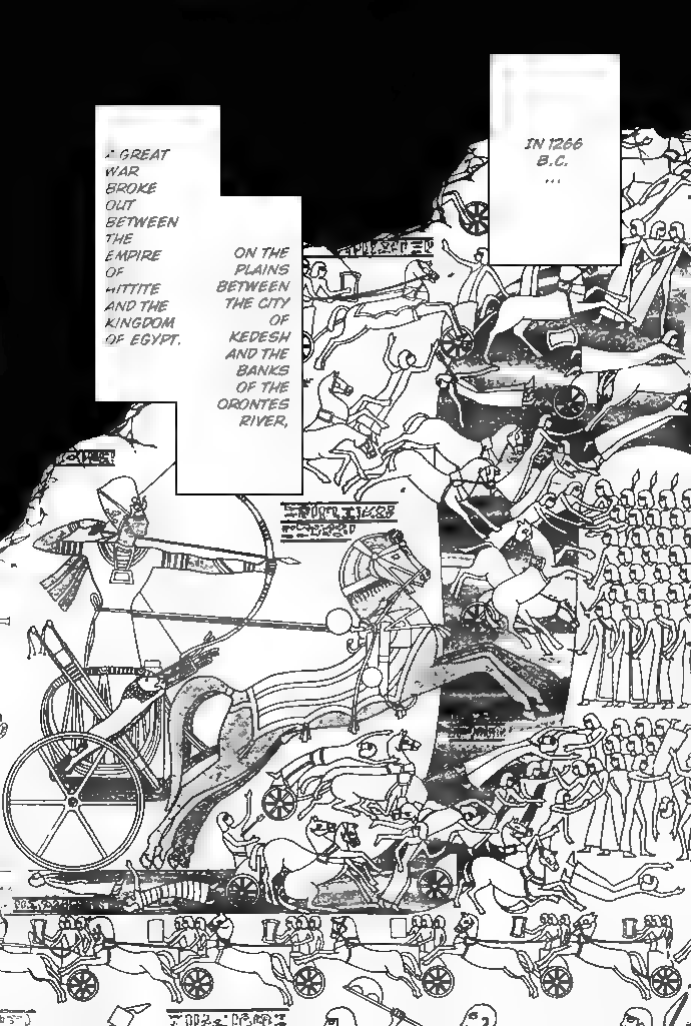
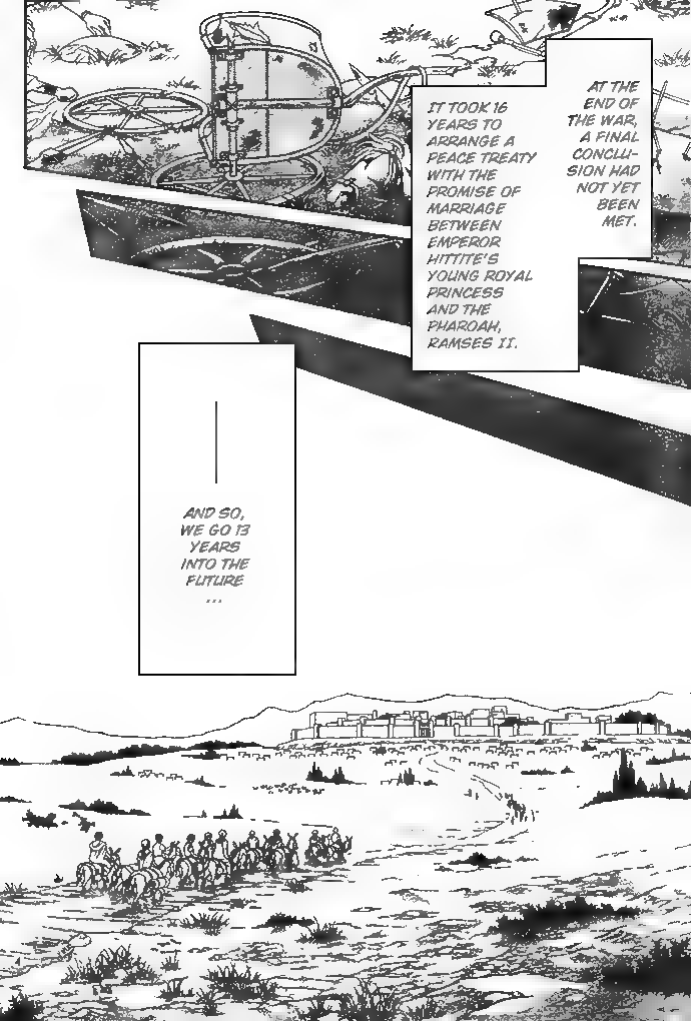
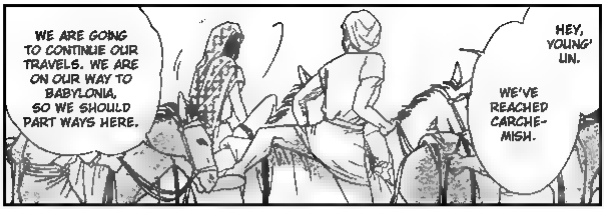
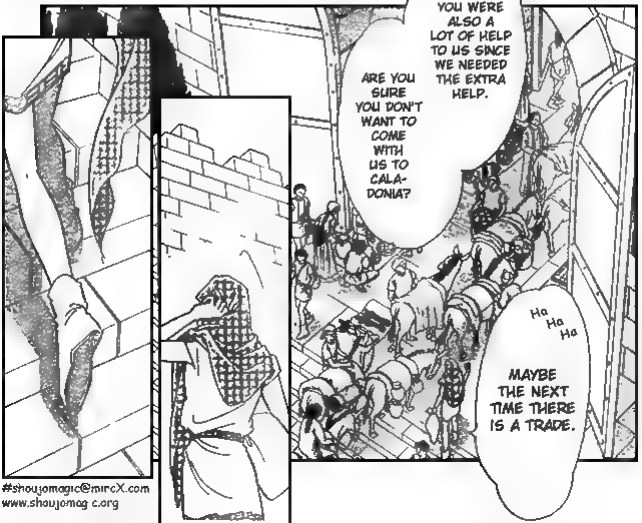

IN 1266 B.C. ...
A GREAT WAR BROKE OUT BETWEEN THE EMPIRE OF HITTITE AND THE KINGDOM OF EGYPT.
ON THE PLAINS BETWEEN THE CITY OF KEDESH AND THE BANKS OF THE ORONTES RIVER,

THE HITTITE ARMY HAD A BATTALION OF 3500 CHARIOTS WITH 18,000 SOLDIERS UNDER THE COMMAND OF
EMPEROR MUWUTALIS I
THE YOUNG 25 YEAR OLD PHAROAH OF EGYPT, RAMSES II
THE EGYPTIAN ARMY HAD A BATTALION OF 2500 CHARIOTS WITH 20,000 SOLDIERS UNDER THE COMMAND OF

THIS BECAME ONE OF THE GREATEST CHARIOT WARS IN HISTORY, THE BATTLE OF KEDESH.


AT THE END OF THE WAR, A FINAL CONCLUSION HAD NOT YET BEEN MET.
IT TOOK 16 YEARS TO ARRANGE A PEACE TREATY WITH THE PROMISE OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN EMPEROR HITTITE'S YOUNG ROYAL PRINCESS AND THE PHAROAH, RAMSES II.
AND SO, WE GO 13 YEARS INTO THE FUTURE ...


HEY, YOUNG' UN.
WE'VE REACHED CARCHE-MISH.
WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE OUR TRAVELS. WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO BABYLONIA, SO WE SHOULD PART WAYS HERE.


YOU WERE ALSO A LOT OF HELP TO US SINCE WE NEEDED THE EXTRA HELP.
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO COME WITH US TO CALA-DONIA?
Ha Ha Ha
MAYBE THE NEXT TIME THERE IS A TRADE.

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...SO, THIS IS CARCHEMISH.
JUST A LITTLE FURTHER TO EGYPT.

AIIIEEEEEEEE!!!
SHOCKED
KYAAA!!
AHHHHH!
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
A WILD HORSE!?

THE PRINCESS... !!
THE PRINCESS... !!!
SOMEBODY!!
SOMEBODY STOP THAT HORSE.
AHHH!
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP

DON'T YELL!
IT WILL ONLY SCARE THE HORSE!!
I CAN'T REACH THE REIGNS!!
!!
AHHHHH!!

GALLOP
GALLOP
GALLOP
I'M SORRY.
THERE WE GO, CALM DOWN!
STOP!
Grab

I ONLY WANTED TO TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE CITY BUT THE HORSE WOULDN'T STOP.
THE WET NURSE YELLED FOR IT TO STOP BUT IT DIDN'T.
PRINCESS! PRINCESS, ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M SORRY TO HAVE WORRIED YOU.
THE HORSE WAS JUST SCARED BY THE CROWD OF PEOPLE.
I MUST THANK YOU.
I GIVE YOU MY THANKS.

PRINCESS !?
IS THAT THE PRINCESS FROM HATTUSAS?
IT DOESN'T MATTER. ROYAL PRINCESSES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH US COMMONERS.
DUNNO, THE IMPERIAL GOVERNOR HAS A DAUGHTER TOO. I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE SHE IS.
HATTUSAS' PRINCESS?
THE DAUGHTER OF THE THIRD GENERATION OF HATTUSILIS CAME TO CARCHEMISH?
THAT'S THE RUMOR.
I SEE.
SO THE MARRIAGE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE PRINCESS AND RAMSES II IS FINALLY GOING TO HAPPEN.
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
AREN'T YOU A TRAVELER? WHERE ARE YOUR BELONG -INGS?
OH, I LEFT MY STUFF UP THERE...
HAI

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YOU'RE BROKE SO YOU CAN'T AFFORD ANY FOOD, RIGHT?
WANNA COME TO MY HOUSE?
...DAMN IT.
YOU LEFT IT HERE?
SHOULDN'T SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN TO SO MANY PLACES HAVE BETTER COMMON SENSE IN WHERE TO LEAVE THEIR BAGGAGE?
.....
SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED
.....
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY.

ASSHA,
ASSHA!!
SOMEBODY STOLE ALL OF HIS BELONGINGS SO HE'S IN SOMETHING OF A BIND.
FOR THE TIME BEING THIS PERSON IS GOING TO STAY WITH US.
A TRAVELER, HUH?
MARIPAS.
I'M SORRY TO INTRUDE
WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE YOUR GUEST UNTIL I FIND WORK...

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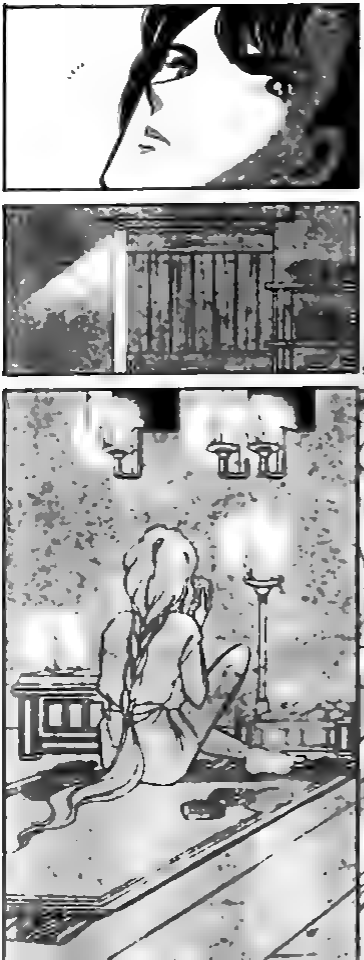
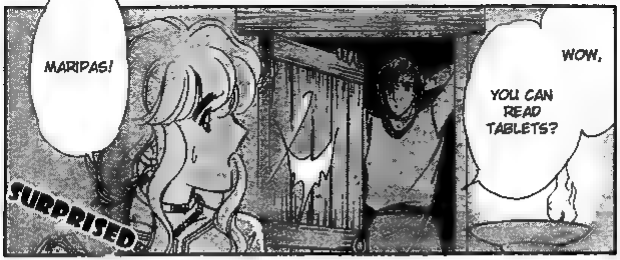
.....
UGARIT.
I JUST CAME HERE TO FIND WORK AND THEN I WILL RETURN HOME.
MARIPAS.
WHAT A STRANGE NAME. WHAT LAND DO YOU COME FROM?
YURI?
YURI, PREPARE DINNER FOR OUR...
I SEE. IF YOU ARE RUNNING INTO PROBLEMS YOU CAN STAY HERE.
I DIDN'T KNOW IT COULD ALSO BE USED FOR A BOYS NAME...
IN THE TERRITORY OF THE HITTITES, THERE ARE MANY WOMEN NAMED "YURI".
Smack

I AM YURI NAPTELA.
EXACTLY WHICH PART OF ME LOOKS LIKE A BOY!?
HOW RUDE!!
THAT'S WHY I TELL YOU ALMOST EVERYDAY NOT TO WEAR THOSE KINDS OF CLOTHES.
YURI.
A girl!?
UH...NO, I DIDN'T MEAN TO... I'M SORRY... I JUST...
No I didn't mean it like that
I am so sorry Now that I look more closely you are very pretty
I don't want to eat dinner anymore!
So you have to look up close to tell huh?


I REALLY SHOULD RETURN TO MY COUNTRY
BEFORE SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENS.


MARIPAS!
SURPRISED
WOW,
YOU CAN READ TABLETS?

IS HE YOUR OLDER BROTHER?
YES, HE HAS BEEN MY TEACHER EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD.

IT'S ALL IN THIS TABLET ...?
SINCE HE IS A SCHOLAR, HE ALSO WORKS FOR THE GOVERNMENT. THERE IS NO ONE ELSE WHO KNOWS AS MUCH AS HE DOES.
YES, ASSHA COPIED IT ALL DOWN FOR ME.

SINCE THERE IS SO MUCH THAT I WANT TO STUDY. I WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY AND OTHER COUNTRIES.
ASSHA TAUGHT ME.

ISN'T MUCH TIME?

BUT THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME LEFT.
YAWN
BUT STILL, IS IT ALRIGHT FOR YOU TO BE DOING THIS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
It's bad for your eyes.

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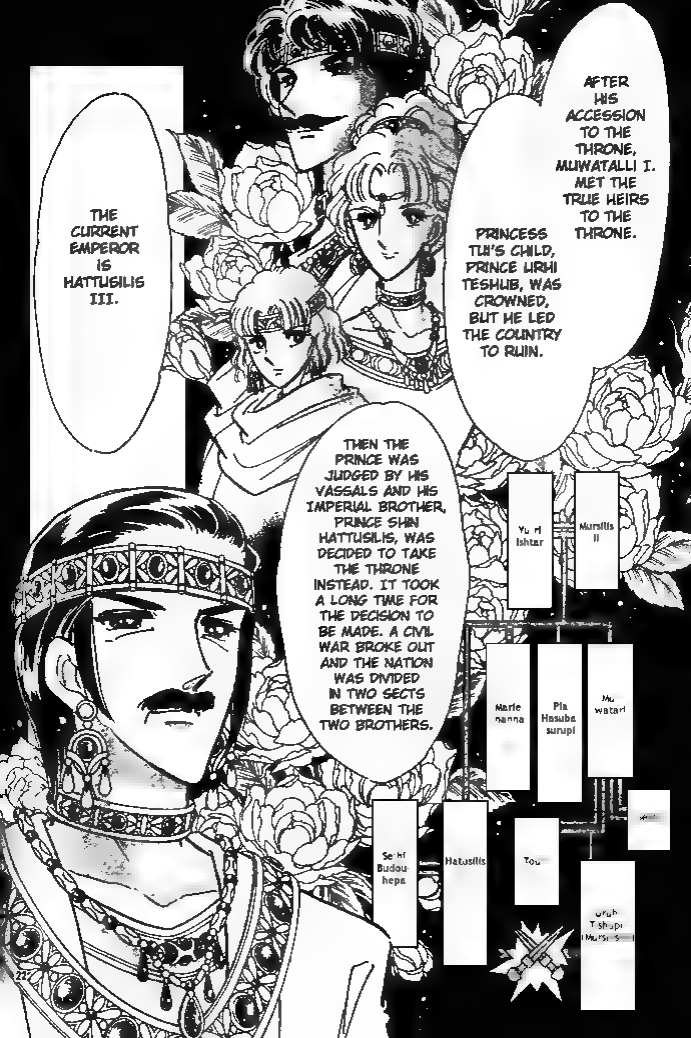
WHAT YOU SAID WAS CORRECT.
THIS COUNTRY'S ECONOMY AND POLITICS ARE HIGHLY DEVELOPED. PEOPLE'S COMMODITIES ARE OVERFLOWING AND THEY ARE EXPECTING A LIFE OF PEACE.
WHAT YOU CALL OUR PROSPERITY WILL ONLY BE OUR DOWNFALL.
THIS EMPIRE IS STARTING TO LOOK THE OTHER WAY NOW.
LOOK THE OTHER WAY?
ALL THE CITIES WITHIN THE HITTITE TERRITORY ARE AT THE HEIGHT OF PROSPERITY, AREN'T THEY?
BUT THE RIPENED FRUITS HAVE ALL GONE BAD ON THE INSIDE. EVERYBODY JUST PRETENDS NOT TO NOTICE.

HEY, DO YOU KNOW WHY SO MANY GIRLS ARE NAMED "YURI" HERE?
HUH? UM.
WASN'T IT THE NAME OF AN EMPEROR'S DAUGHTER...
YES, EMPERESS YURI ISHTAR.
NOTE Below, "Goddess" refers to Ishtar who is the deity that symbolized the female aspect of society.
ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, THE HIGHEST GOD OF THE GODDESS DESCENDED UPON HIS MAJESTY KING MURSILIS II THROUGH HER.
AFTER THE DEATH OF THE EMPEROR, THE EMPRESS PRESIDED OVER THE COUNTRY'S POLITICS UNTIL THE NEXT ERA.
AT LEAST THAT IS WHAT EVERBODY BELIEVES.
DURING HIS MAJESTY, MURSILIS II'S REIGN, THINGS WERE PREPARED SO WELL THAT THERE WASN'T A CLOUDY DAY THAT PRESIDED OVER THE EMPIRE.

THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY FOR MURSILIS TO TAKE COMMAND
YES,
UNLESS YURI ISHTAL, DIED BEFORE HIM!
...."THAT IS WHAT EVERYBODY BELIEVES".
THEN THAT MEANS THAT THAT IS NOT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?
THAT IS WHEN I BELIEVE THE HITTITES RUIN BEGAN.
THE FOLLOWING YEAR, AFTER MURSILIS BANISHED HER, SHE PASSED AWAY.


AFTER HIS ACCESSION TO THE THRONE, MUWATALLI I. MET THE TRUE HEIRS TO THE THRONE.
PRINCESS TUH'S CHILD, PRINCE URHI TESHUB, WAS CROWNED, BUT HE LED THE COUNTRY TO RUIN.
THE CURRENT EMPEROR IS HATTUSILIS III.
THEN THE PRINCE WAS JUDGED BY HIS VASSALS AND HIS IMPERIAL BROTHER, PRINCE SHIN HATTUSILIS, WAS DECIDED TO TAKE THE THRONE INSTEAD. IT TOOK A LONG TIME FOR THE DECISION TO BE MADE. A CIVIL WAR BROKE OUT AND THE NATION WAS DIVIDED IN TWO SECTS BETWEEN THE TWO BROTHERS.
Yu ri Ishtar
Mursilis II
Marie nanna
Pia Hasuba surupi
Mo watari
Se hi Budou hepa
Hatusilis
Tou
Uruh Tshupi Mursi
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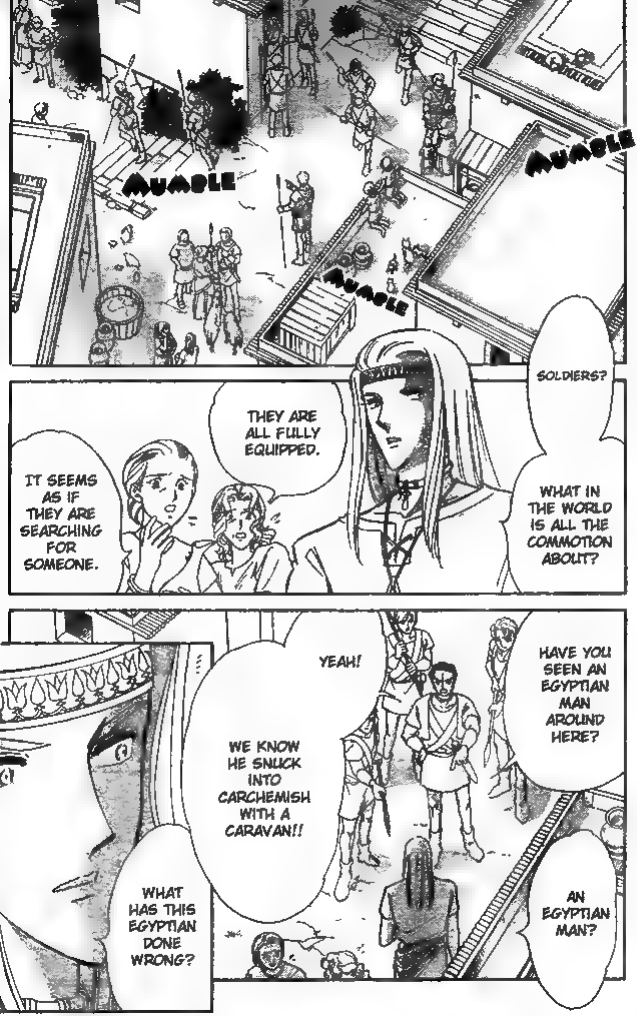
OUR INTERNAL POLITICS ARE STILL UNSTABLE. THE TREATY CONTRACT FOR KADESH...
THE MARRIAGE TO EYGPT IS A GOOD IDEA BUT, I DON'T THINK NOW IS THE TIME FOR IT...
.....
OH, I'M SORRY. YOU ARE PROBABLY TIRED OF HEARING SOME LITTLE GIRLS' NAIVE RAMBLINGS...
NO, NOT AT ALL.
I AM JUST JEALOUS THAT THE PEOPLE OF MY COUNTRY DON'T THINK SO EARNESTLY.
I... ALWAYS WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM MY COUNTRY.
I ALWAYS WANTED TO GO OUT AND SEARCH FOR A PLACE TO LIVE BY MYSELF.

.....
THAT IS SOMETHING I ENVY ABOUT YOU.
... REALLY?
IF I COULD, IT WOULD BE VERY INTERESTING.
EVEN IF YOU STUDY, THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS YOU CANNOT LEARN FROM TABLETS.
IF THAT IS SO, THEN DO YOU WANT TO SEARCH TOGETHER?


RUMBLE
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SOLDIERS?
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ALL THE COMMOTION ABOUT?
THEY ARE ALL FULLY EQUIPPED.
IT SEEMS AS IF THEY ARE SEARCHING FOR SOMEONE.
HAVE YOU SEEN AN EGYPTIAN MAN AROUND HERE?
YEAH!
WE KNOW HE SNUCK INTO CARCHEMISH WITH A CARAVAN!!
AN EGYPTIAN MAN?
WHAT HAS THIS EGYPTIAN DONE WRONG?

ESPIONAGE!!
HE BELONGS TO THE HATTI REFINERY.
HE HAS STOLEN OUR VALUABLE INFORMATION ON HOW TO MANUFACTURE IRON!!
HE STOLE IT?
I CAN FORGIVE HIM FOR STEALING, BUT HE SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET IN.
IT SEEMS YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HIM.
HE HAS TO HAVE DONE SOMETHING FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS! HE HAS TO HAVE BECOME A SUBORDINATE OR A CRAFTSMAN. AND HE MUST BE LIVING SOMEWHERE.
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING!?
IT APPEARS YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THIS EGYPTIAN MAN
!?

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UNTIL THE WATER IS DRAWN, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO HELP ME, MARIPAS.
IT'S OKAY. I CAN DO THAT MUCH AT LEAST...
LOOK, SOMETHING IS GOING ON OVER THERE.
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?
DUSHU
HEY, THAT MAN.
STOP RIGHT THERE!
YOU SEEM TO BE THE SAME AGE AND BODY STRUCTURE
MARIPAS?
WHERE ARE YOU FROM!?
AS OUR DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN WE ARE LOOKING FOR. YOU'RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE ARE YOU!?
FOR NOW, SEND A MESSAGE TO THE CASTLE.
AND BRING ARIN NA. WE HAVE THE HEAD OF THE CRAFTS-MAN.

THIS IS PROBABLY BOTHERSOME FOR YOU BUT SOON YOU WILL UNDERSTAND!!
MARIPAS!?
SMASH!!!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER OR I'LL KILL THE GIRL!!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!!
SO YOU ARE THE SPY FROM EGYPT.
CA... CAPTAIN!!
HOW FOOLISH!! IF YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE US CHOOSE BETWEEN A COMMON GIRL OR THE SECRET OF THIS COUNTRIES IRON, THEN WE WILL CHOOSE...

WHERE I WORKED AT THE HATTUSILIS'S PALACE.
UP UNTIL LAST YEAR I WENT TO MESHEDI,
GULP
IT COULDN'T BE.
WHAT IS IT, FUKUCHO?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY? JUST SPIT IT OUT!!
BUT... IT CAN'T BE. CAN IT?
WHAT?
...IT IS. HER HIGHNESS YURI NAPTERA!

WHAT IS SHE DOING? IT HAS TO BE HER HIGHNESS, PRINCESS YURI NAPTERA!
THE FIRST IN LINE FOR THE THRONE OF THE HATTUSILIS III GENERATION!!
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SINCE THIS TAKES PLACE IN YURI AND KAIRU'S PERIOD, THE DIALOGUE IS BASED ON ANCIENT DIALECT.

AT KARUKEMISHU'S STREET THERE IS A MAN THAT HAS BEEN WASHED ASHORE MARIPASU (MARIPASHU?) AND A TRAVELER ARRIVES INTO THE TOWN OF CARCHEMISH A MAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF MARIPAS HAS HAD HIS LUGGAGE STOLEN BY A THIEF WHEN HE LEFT IT OUT OF SIGHT AND WAS TAKEN IN BY YU-RI WHO SAW THE CRIME SO HE WILL HAVE A PLACE TO STAY AT HER HOUSE

DURING THAT TIME AN EGYPTIAN SPY HAS TAKEN REFUGE IN THE TOWN AND THE SOLDIERS ARE LOOKING FOR HIM. THE TOWN'S PEOPLE HAS MISTAKEN MARIPAS AS THE EGYPTIAN. MARIPAS MAKES YU-RI HIS HOSTAGE AND TELLS THE TOWN'S PEOPLE. "DON'T GET ANY CLOSER TO ME OR I WILL KILL HER"

EVERYONE NOTICES THAT YU-RI RESEMBLES THE FIRST ROYAL PRINCESS TO THE THRONE OF THE HATTUSILIS III AND THAT YU-RI HAS TO FULLFILL HER DUTY FOR HITTITE AFTER ALL SHE IS PRINCESS NEPTERA.

Governer of Carchemisch,
Judah Ulhirin
WHAT WERE THE GUARDS DOING!?
WE... WE'RE VERY SORRY, SIR.
THERE IS NO EXCUSE, YOUR MAJESTY.
IF THE EMPEROR'S FATHER BELIEVES SOMETHING LIKE THAT WILL HAPPEN AGAIN TO THE ROYAL PRINCESS THEN THAT'S IT!
ASETILWA BANI!
ASETILWA BANI!

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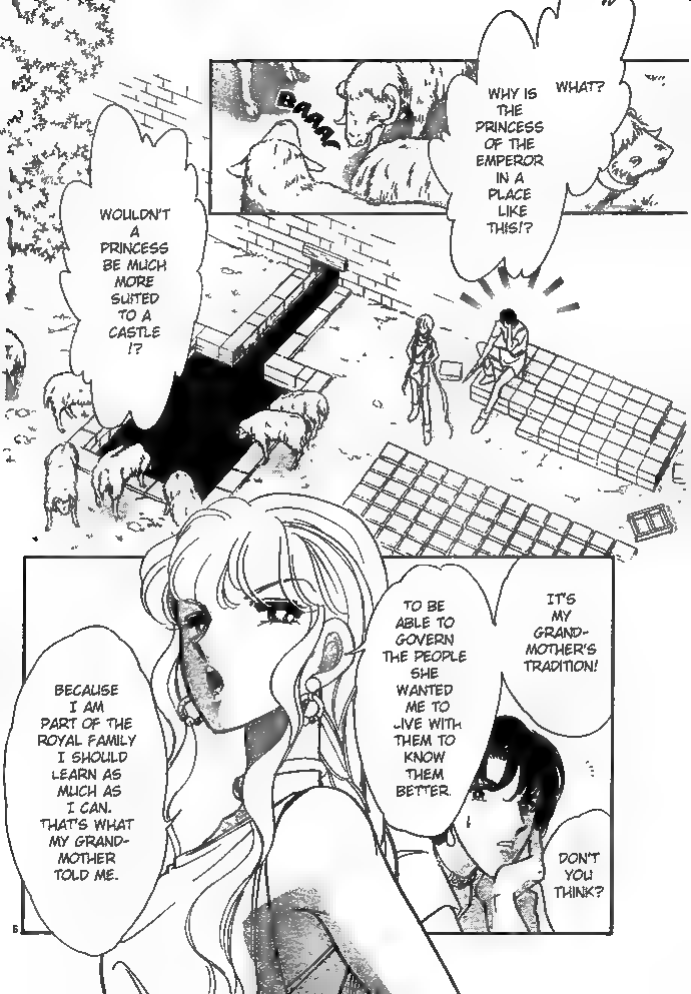
CALM DOWN, YOUR MAJ-ESTY.
PRINCESS YURI DID IT FOR YOUR COUNTRY.
THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN YURI NEPTELA AND THE PRINCE OF EGYPT, RAMSES II IS IN A COUPLE OF DAYS!
THE EMPEROR. . AND KING HATTUSILIS II HAVE ALREADY LEFT THEIR CAPITAL HATTUSAS.
QUEEN ...
THERE WAS ONE CLEVER MAN WHO DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING. MAYBE HE KNOWS SOMETHING.
DO YOU THINK SO, ASHA?
I MEAN ASATILWA.
I COULDN'T HAVE GIVEN MY DAUGHTER, THE PRINCESS, TO YOU EVEN IF IT WAS WHAT SHE WANTED ... !!
Former Queen
Juda Urhilin,
Marie Inanna

I AGREE ...
I AM SURE PRINCESS YURI WILL MARRY RAMSES II.
IF THE GUY WHO KIDNAPPED HER IS EGYPTIAN HE CANNOT HURT HER BECAUSE SHE IS GOING TO BE THE QUEEN OF HIS COUNTRY.
ON THE CONTRARY,
HE WON'T KNOW HOW TO TREAT HER.
MOTHER ...


BAAA
WHY IS THE PRINCESS OF THE EMPEROR IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!?
WHAT?
WOULDN'T A PRINCESS BE MUCH MORE SUITED TO A CASTLE !?
IT'S MY GRAND-MOTHER'S TRADITION!
TO BE ABLE TO GOVERN THE PEOPLE SHE WANTED ME TO LIVE WITH THEM TO KNOW THEM BETTER.
DON'T YOU THINK?
BECAUSE I AM PART OF THE ROYAL FAMILY I SHOULD LEARN AS MUCH AS I CAN. THAT'S WHAT MY GRAND-MOTHER TOLD ME.

YOU'RE RIGHT ... THAT IS ...
THE KING'S ... I CAN'T HOLD THE FIANCEE OF RAMSES II AS A HOSTAGE.
BUT DAMN ...
SHIT!

YOU KNOW HOW TO REFINE STEEL,
A SECRET OF MY COUNTRY, DON'T YOU?
SO I CAN'T LET YOU RETURN TO EGYPT.
IS THIS ALSO WHAT YOUR GRAND-MOTHER TAUGHT YOU?
WHAT?
THAT'S SUCH A DANGEROUS WEAPON. PUT IT AWAY. DO YOU WANT TO RUN AWAY WITH ME?
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY LOYALTY TO YOUR COUNTRY?
IF YOU COME WITH ME WE DON'T HAVE TO RETURN TO EGYPT.
NO.

EVEN IF THE COUNTRY TRIED HARD TO SURVIVE IT WILL EVENTUALLY BE DESTROYED.
AS I TOLD YOU, I WANT A PLACE TO LIVE BY MYSELF, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT COUNTRY.
I WANT TO GET OF OUT OF EGYPT. BUT T IS INTERESTING LEARNING HOW TO MAKE STEEL.
THIS IS WHY I STOLE THE TECHNIQUE FOR MAKING STEEL ...
I WENT TO KANNON BEFORE TO LEARN HOW TO SAIL A SHIP. NEXT TIME I WANT TO GO TO ASHRIA TO LEARN HOW TO RUN A BUSINESS.
YOU ARE VERY STRANGE TOO.
I ACCEPT THAT SO ...
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!!
IT'S YOU.
ARE YOU AN EGYPTIAN!?
AND YOU, ARE YOU THE PRINCESS?
IF HE IS CAUGHT AS A SPY THERE IS NO DOUBT HE WILL EXECUTED...
YOU, THERE !!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME!? WHERE DO YOU LIVE?!
PRINCESS!!
ARE YOU THE PRINCESS YURI NAPTERA!?
Gatai

WHAT!!
GON
AREN'T YOU THE PRINCESS ...?
PRINC-ESS?
IF I'M THE PRINCESS THEN YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW ALL MY ORDERS, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT! MAKE HIM JOIN THE ARMY SO HE CAN'T HAVE AN AFFAIR AGAIN!?
DON'T INTERRUPT A FIGHT BETWEEN LOVERS!!

DON'T LET THE SPY OUT OF THE CASTLE!!
DAMN!
LET'S LOOK OVER HERE!!
THE NEXT TIME YOU STAY AT A WOMAN'S HOUSE YOU WILL BE DEAD.
...YURI

YOU HIT MY NOSE RATHER THAN TOUCHING LIPS
THAT WAS YOUR FIRST KISS, WASN'T IT?
WOULD YOU PREFER THAT I CALLED THE SOLDIERS BACK !?
GON
!!
.....
... WHEN YOU ARE PROMISED TO MARRY AN EGYPTIAN KING
NO MAN CAN GET CLOSE YOU.
GON
WELL,
THEY WILL FIND ME IF I STAY HERE.
...

THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO!!
WHY DID I SAVE HIM.
FOR WHAT REASON DID I SAVE HIM!?
!!
PRINCESS YURI!!
THEY'RE OVER THERE!!
I KNEW IT! SHE IS THE PRINCESS!!

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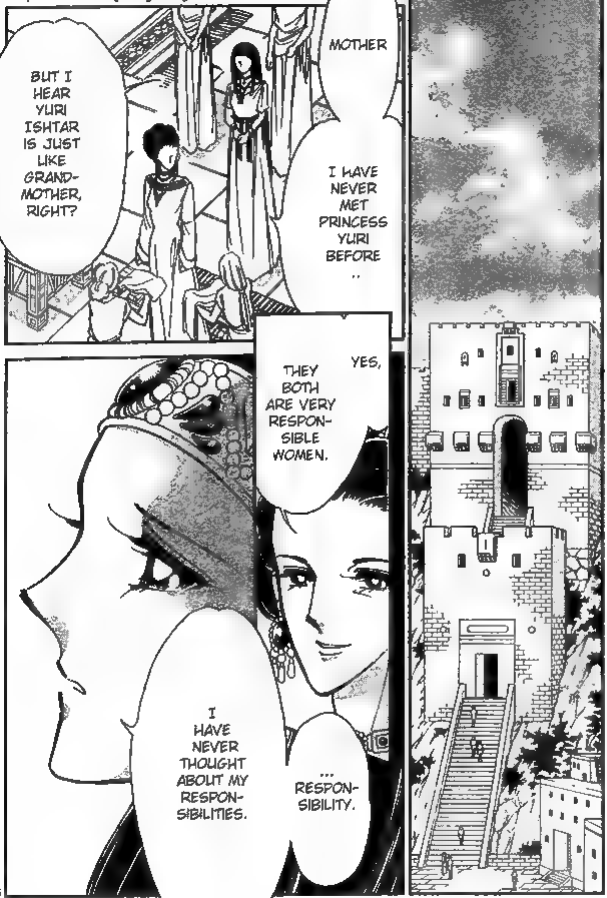
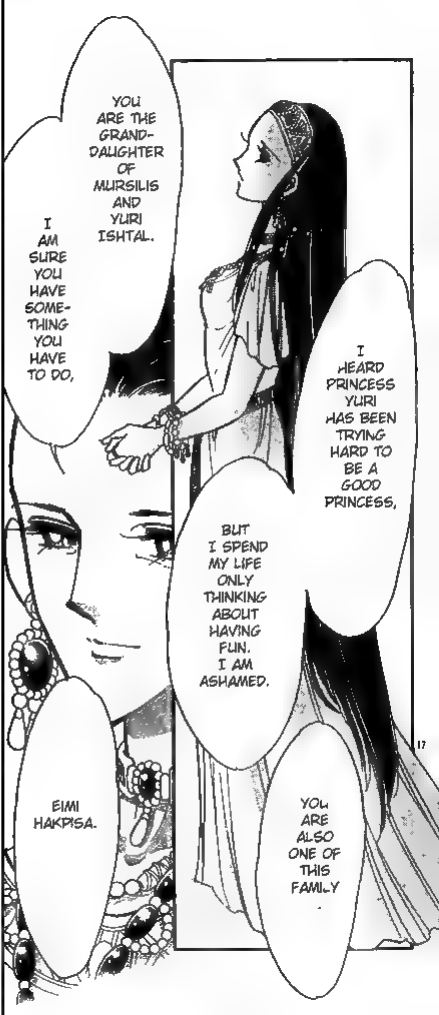

MOTHER
I HAVE NEVER MET PRINCESS YURI BEFORE ..
BUT I HEAR YURI ISHTAR IS JUST LIKE GRAND-MOTHER, RIGHT?
YES, THEY BOTH ARE VERY RESPON-SIBLE WOMEN.
... RESPON-SIBILITY.
I HAVE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT MY RESPON-SIBILITIES.


YOU ARE THE GRAND-DAUGHTER OF MURSILIS AND YURI ISHTAL.
I AM SURE YOU HAVE SOME-THING YOU HAVE TO DO,
EIMI HAKPISA.
I HEARD PRINCESS YURI HAS BEEN TRYING HARD TO BE A GOOD PRINCESS,
BUT I SPEND MY LIFE ONLY THINKING ABOUT HAVING FUN. I AM ASHAMED.
YOU ARE ALSO ONE OF THIS FAMILY.

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ALL THE GATES OF THE CASTLE ARE CLOSED!!
ESCAPE IS FUTILE!!
WAIT!!
BUT ... MARIPAS.
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU YOU ARE UNSUITABLE AS A HOSTAGE!!
YURI! WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME!?
CREAK
WE CAN KILL THE SPY!
ARROWS !!
KILL HIM!!

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YURI...
YOU'LL HIT THE PRINC-ESS!
WA.. WAIT!
DON'T SHOOT!
BLOCK
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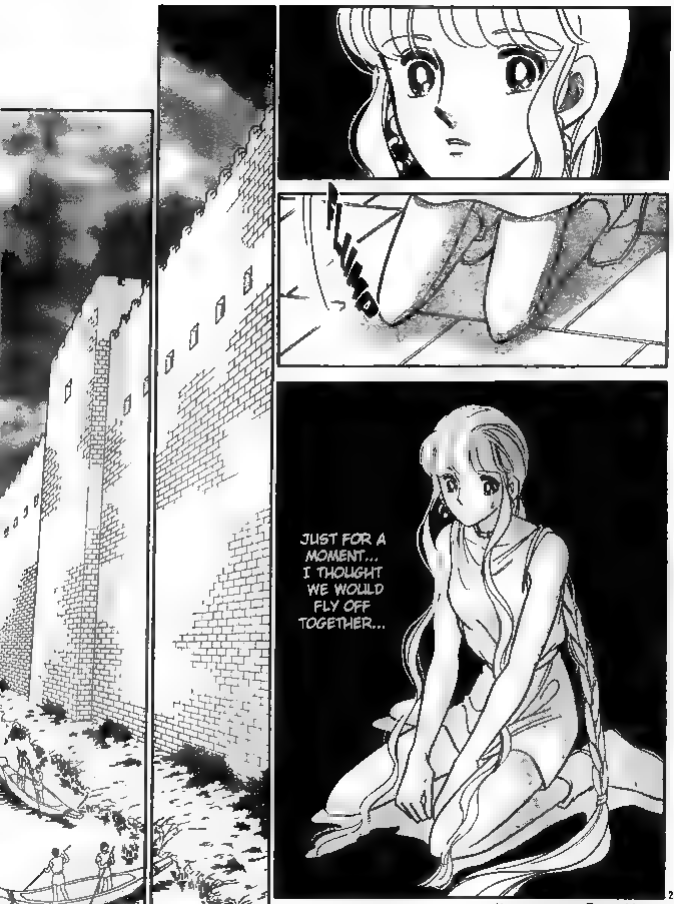
I.. WHAT AM I DOING!?
I KNOW I CAN'T GO WITH HIM.
I..
GRAB

MARIPAS
THAT IS HOW YOU KISS.
REMEMBER THAT, YURI!!

SPLASH!
PRINCESS!
PRINCESS, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!
SEND OUT SHIPS DOWN THE EUPHRATES RIVER!!
FIND HIM!!



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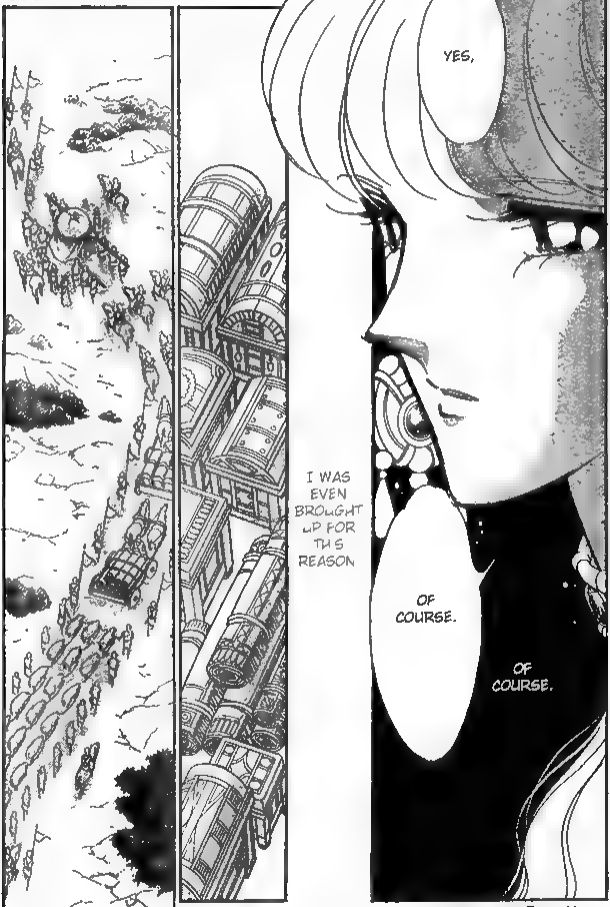
THIRTEEN YEARS AGO IT WAS DECIDED I WOULD MARRY A KING OF EGYPT BY THE CONTRACT NAMED CADESH.
AND SO I HAVE GROWN UP BELIEVING THAT I WOULD BECOME RAMSES II'S BRIDE.
SO I ALWAYS TRIED HARD TO BE A GOOD PRINCESS AND KEEP THE TIES BETWEEN THE HITTITES AND THE EGYPTIANS GOOD.
AND I HAVE NEVER WONDERED WHY I HAVE TO DO THIS...

EIMI...
...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE SEEN YOU. MY NAME IS EIMI HAKPISA.
YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED, AREN'T YOU? WHY DON'T YOU DRINK SOME WINE?
WHAT IS THIS FEELING?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW I CAN FEEL THIS PASSION EVEN DEEP INSIDE MY THOUGHTS I HAVE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE
PRINCESS EIMI... I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOU. YOU ARE THE PRINCESS OF AUNT MARIA.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
YES,
IN THE EVENING THE KING WILL ARRIVE IN THIS TOWN.
FATHER!?

YURI NEPTERA!
I HEARD THERE WAS AN INCIDENT.
YOUR SAFETY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. I AM RELIEVED TO SEE THAT YOU ARE OKAY.
SORRY TO WORRY YOU, FATHER.
ALL THE PREPARATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, YURI.
THE DATE OF THE WEDDING AS BEEN DECIDED.
IN TEN DAYS WE WILL HAND YOU OVER TO EGYPT AT THE CADESH BORDER.
THERE WE WILL HAVE AN INFORMAL WEDDING AND THE OFFICIAL ONE WILL HAPPEN AFTER YOU GO TO EGYPT.



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RAMSES II SURE IS RUNNING LATE.
I, THE FOURTH PRINCE KAEMU-WASETTO, WILL ENTERTAIN YOU, HATTU-SHILIS III.
UNTIL MY FATHER ARRIVES,
OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS.
MY FATHER, RAMSES II MUST BE HAPPY ABOUT THAT.
THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE POWER OF OUR COUNTRIES I CANNOT BREAK THIS MARRIAGE CONTRACT
RAMSES II, WHO HAS THE SAME TITLE AS MY FATHER, IS LATE THIS IS REALITY
THIS IS THE THIRTEENTH PRINCE, MEREN-PUTA.
AND THIS IS...
TO WEL-COME YOU, WE BROTH-ERS WILL ACCOM-PANY YOU.
FROM HERE, I'LL GET THE SEVENTH PRINCE, MERIAMEN.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH PRINCE, MARIPAS.
HIS MOM IS FROM UGARIT.
HE CAN SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE.
HE CAN BE YOUR GOOD FRIEND TO TALK TO,
UNTIL WE GET TO PER-RAMSES, THE CAPITOL OF EGYPT

HE S THE TWENTY-SEVENTH PRINCE!?
MARIPAS!
HE IS THE SON OF RAMSES II!?
AN UNEXPECTED REUNION!? THE FINAL CHAPTER NEXT!!
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(Last Chapter)

I am not a princess, and you are not a prince either, but, it is still you I desire.

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YURI-SAMA,
IS THERE ANYTHING THAT I CAN GET YOU BEFORE YOU REST?
EIMI-SAMA!? YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR ME...
BUT, IF I COULD BE OF USE TO YOU, IT WOULD BE MY PLEASURE.
JUST CALL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING... PLEASE.

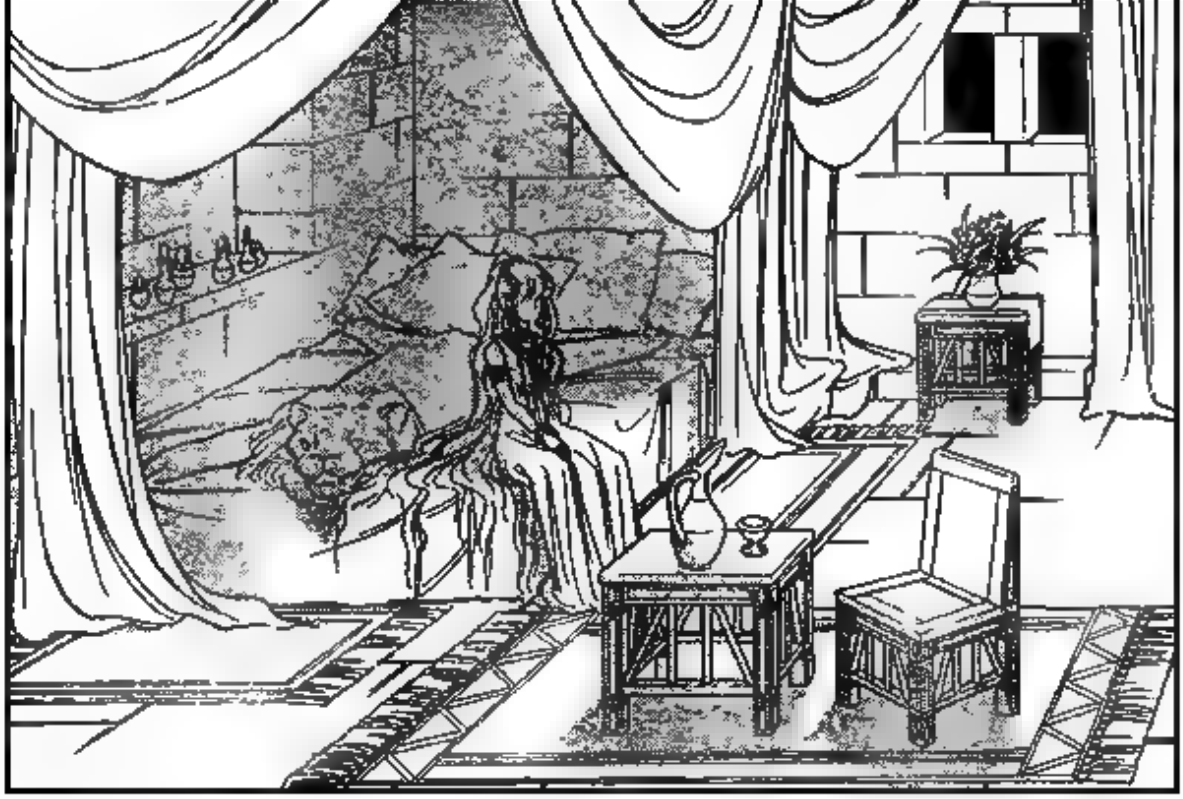
OUTLINE OF PREVIOUS CHAPTER

THIS IS A STORY THAT GOES BACK IN TIME TO WHEN YURI AND KAIRU ONCE LIVED.

YURI NEFETERA, WHO LIVES IN THE TOWN OF CARCHEMISH, IS THE 1ST ROYAL PRINCESS OF KING HATTILIS THE 3RD. IT WAS DECIDED BY THE TREATY BETWEEN EGYPT AND HITTITE THAT SHE IS TO BE MARRIED TO RAMSES II

ONE DAY YURI FINDS OUT THE TRUE CHARACTER OF MARIPAS, WHO IS A SPY, FROM THE GUARDS AND ESCAPES WITH HIM. AT THE STABLES, MARIPAS TELLS YURI THAT HE WILL TAKE HER TO SEE THE ENDS OF THE EARTH IF THEY CAN FORGET WHO THEY ARE AND THEIR POSITION IN THE ROYAL FAMILIES

WITH A QUIET TREMBLING HEART SHE GETS READY FOR HER MARRIAGE CEREMONY WITH KING RAMSES II. AT THE BORDER OF TOWN IN KADESH, YURI IS GREETED BY THE ROYAL PARTY FROM EGYPT. SHE FINDS THAT INSIDE THE FASTIDIOUS PARTY IS KING RAMSES II'S "27TH ROYAL PRINCE" WHO IS MARIPAS!?



Creak
YOU REALLY
CAME.

"PRINCE" MARIPAS.
WHY IS THE KING'S SON RECKLESSLY STEPPING INTO ANOTHER COUNTRY?
IT'S BEEN A TRADITION SINCE MY GREAT GRAND-FATHER... I GUESS.
WHY HAS THE PRINCE BEEN GONE FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS FROM HIS COUNTRY?
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THE TWENTY-SEVENTH PRINCE?
IT MEANS, THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER IF I AM A GOOD PRINCE OR NOT.

MY MOTHER WAS A SLAVE FROM UGARIT, WHO WAS SOLD TO THE PHAROAH. IT ONLY TOOK ONE NIGHT OF HIS LOVING, FOR ME TO BE BORN.
MY FATHER IS ALMOST SIXTY YEARS OLD, AND HAS OVER FIVE HUNDRED CONCUBINES. HE WILL SIRE MORE AND MORE PRINCES AND PRINCESSES.
THE GREAT RAMSES II, MY FATHER,
HAS NINETY PRINCES, AND FIFTY PRINCESSES ...
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT MARRYING THAT KIND OF MAN, YURI?

INCEST IS NOT ALLOWED AMONG THE HITTITE PEOPLE IT IS ALSO TABOO FOR OLDER HALF BROTHERS TO MARRY THEIR YOUNGER SISTERS.
CAN YOU MARRY INTO A COUNTRY WITH A DIFFERENT CULTURE?
THE FIRST QUEEN OF MY FATHER, NERFERTARI, AND SECOND QUEEN, ISETNOFRET, ARE ALREADY DEAD.
YOU ARE WELCOME TO BE FIRST QUEEN, BUT SOON HIS REAL DAUGHTER, BINTANATH, WILL BE SECOND QUEEN.
I... I...
I WAS RAISED TO BE A QUEEN!
DRAWS OUT KNIFE

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COME WITH ME!
I CAN'T RELY ON MY FATHER, AND HAVE PLANNED ON OPPOSING HIM...
I'VE COME PREPARED, TO STEAL THE YOUNG BRIDE OF RAMSES II.
YOU AREN'T ALLOWED INTO MY BEDROOM CHAMBERS, AND YOU CAN BE KILLED FOR SNEAKING IN HERE.
WE CAN NOT LET YOU GO BACK TO EGYPT WITH OUR SECRET TECHNIQUE OF MAKING STEEL.
IT'S ALL RIGHT
THIS IS YURI'S LAST NIGHT, SO I WANT TO TALK TO HER FOR A WHILE LONGER.
MISS EIMI,
WE CAN SERVE THE WINE TO MISS YURI...
IF WE GO INTO WAR NOW, THE HITTITES WILL LOSE!
IF I DISAPPEAR RIGHT NOW, THE EGYPTIANS WILL ATTACK THE HITTITES!
YOU... YOU CAN NOT!!

GRAB
AN INDIVID-UAL DOES NOT NEED TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THE COUNTRY'S FIGHT!! INDIVIDUALS SHOULD NOT BE SACRIFICED FOR THEIR COUNTRY!
THERE IS ALWAYS A SUN THAT SETS OVER THE COUNTRY.

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I WILL RUN AWAY WITH YOU.
THINK ABOUT WHAT I HAVE TOLD YOU BY THE TIME MY FATHER ARRIVES TOMORROW.
I HOPE YOU ARE COMING. SINCE YOU DIDN'T KILL ME!
...!!
SHUTS DOOR
MARIPAS!

I AM NOT READY FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

SHOULD I RUN AWAY WITH MARIPAS...!?

AND THROW MY COUNTRY AWAY!?

I WAS NEVER TAUGHT WHAT TO DO IN A SITUATION SUCH AS THIS!

I WASN'T EVEN RAISED FOR THAT!!

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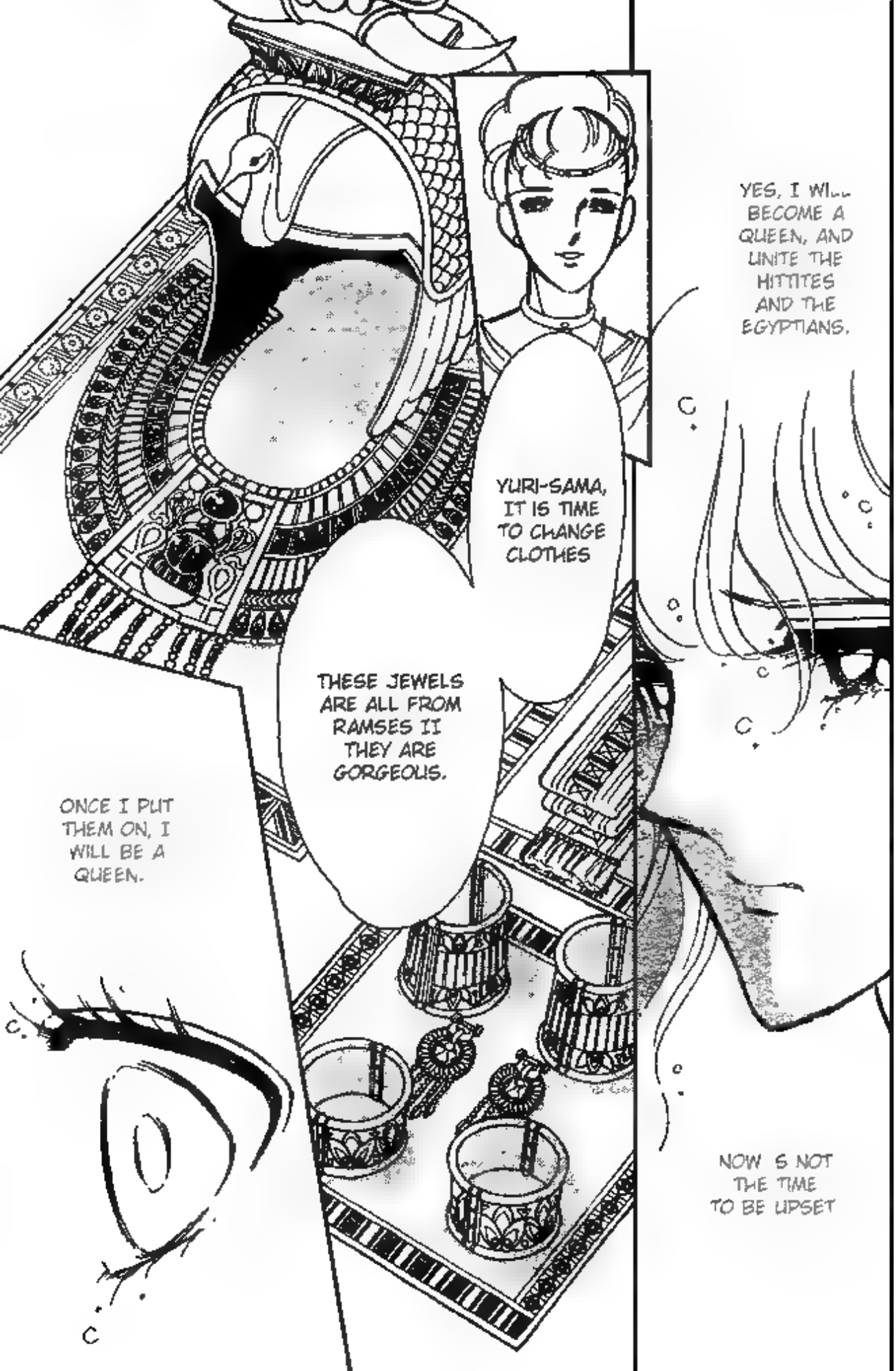
SO AS NOT TO SHAME OUR PEOPLE.
WE'LL SHOW OFF OUR TREAS-URES,
HAS EVERYONE PREPARED HER THINGS?
ATTEN HUT!!
MESHDI!
SO YOU SHOULD CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES NOW
RAMSES II IS GOING TO BE HERE IN A FEW MOMENTS,
COME, YURI.

SPLASH
YOU LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL, YURI.
IN THIS PALACE, YOU LEARNED ECONOMY AND POLITICS FROM PROFESSIONALS.
YOU EVEN WATCHED THE LIVES OF THE COMMON FOLKS.
YOU WILL BE THE PERFECT QUEEN.


YURI-SAMA, IT IS TIME TO CHANGE CLOTHES
THESE JEWELS ARE ALL FROM RAMSES II THEY ARE GORGEOUS.
ONCE I PUT THEM ON, I WILL BE A QUEEN.
YES, I WI... BECOME A QUEEN, AND UNITE THE HITTITES AND THE EGYPTIANS.
NOW S NOT THE TIME TO BE UPSET

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YURI-SAMA!?
IF I MISS THIS MOMENT THEN THERE WILL BE NO OPPORTUNITY TO BE ALONE AGAIN''
RIGHT AFTER I CHANGE THE CEREMONY WILL SOON BEGIN

I WOULD LIKE A MOMENT TO THINK ALONE.
PLEASE, LEAVE ME ALONE FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
EXCUSE ME?
LEAVE ME ALONE
YURI-SAMA!?
SPLASH
OKAY, I WILL LEAVE YOU FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
YOU MUST BE NERVOUS BEFORE THE WEDDING
FLIDE!

I KNOW I SHOULDN'T
I KNOW I SHOULDN'T BUT
I KNOW I SHOULDN'T DO "THIS"
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

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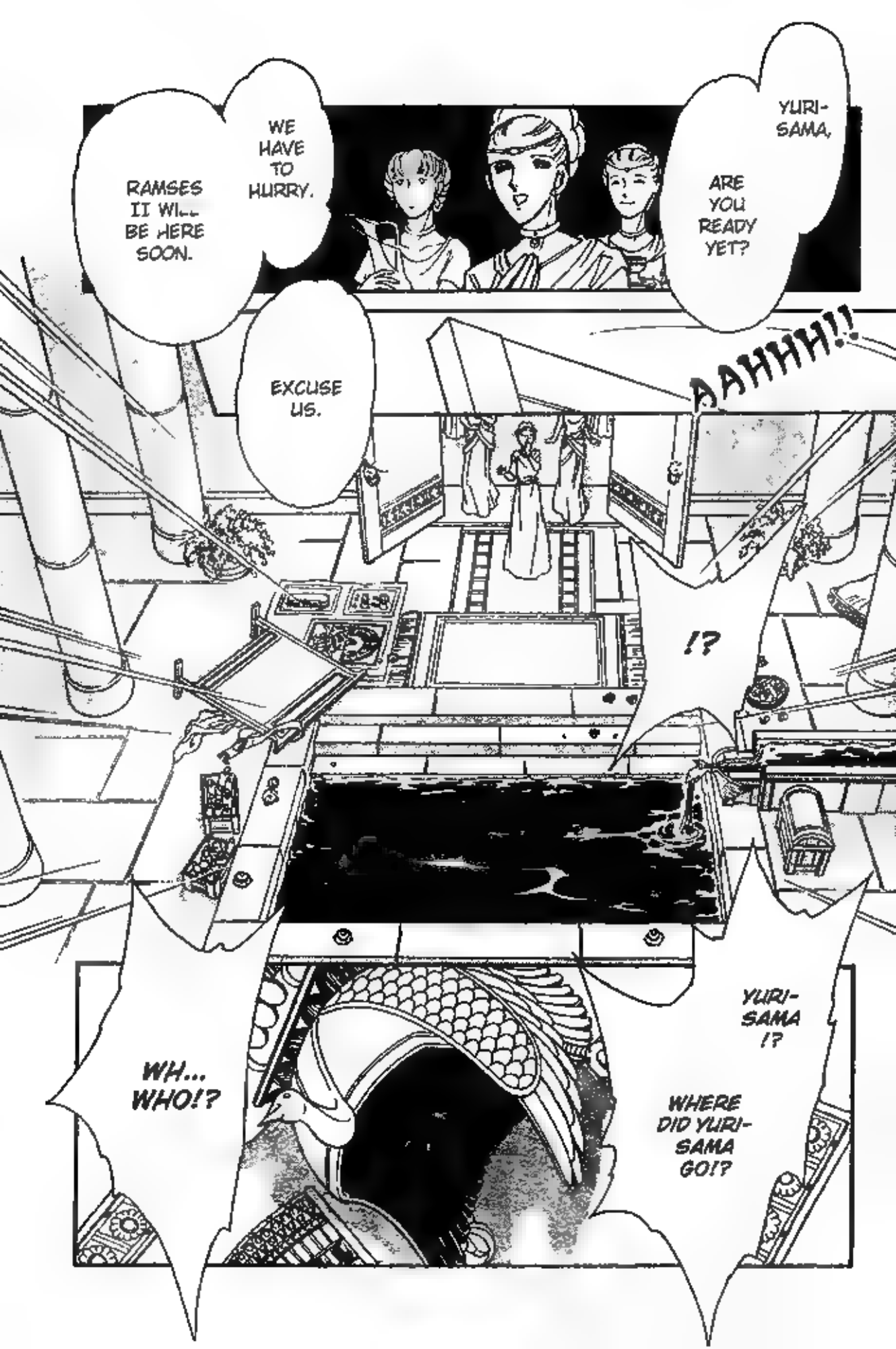
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE TIED DOWN TO ANYONE BUT MARIPAS!!
Huff
Huff
Huff
YURI!?

I'M NOT THE QUEEN, AND I DON'T HAVE ANY GOLD OR SILVER JEWELRY...
OR ANY CLOTHES ON...
UNWRAPS
LOOK AT ME, MARIPAS.
DO YOU STILL WANT ME TO BE YOUR WOMAN!?

THAT'S HOW I WANT YOU!!


YURI-SAMA, ARE YOU READY YET?
WE HAVE TO HURRY. RAMSES II WILL BE HERE SOON.
EXCUSE US.
AAHHH!!
!?
WH... WHO!?
YURI-SAMA !?
WHERE DID YURI-SAMA GO!?

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WHAT!?
ARE YOU SAYING SHE DISAPPEARED!?
AND MARIPAS IS NOT HERE EITHER!?
YOU DON'T MEAN HE TOOK THE PRINCESS ...?
I'M... I'M VERY SORRY SIR!
RIGHT NOW, RAMSES II HAS JUST ARRIVED ...!
MARIPAS, MUST HAVE PLANNED THIS!!
THEY MUST HAVE ALREADY LEFT THE CASTLE!!
WE... WE HAVE LOOKED ALL THROUGH THE CASTLE, BUT WE COULDN'T FIND THEM ANYWHERE
FIND THEM!!

I KNOW ...
SIRE!
IF THIS MARRIAGE IS BROKEN, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE HITTITE EMPIRE WILL BE RUINED!
...NO YOUR HIGHNESS.
WHAT!?
IF MY FATHER FINDS OUT THAT THE PRINCESS AND MARIPAS RAN AWAY, THEN WE WILL BE IN TROUBLE TOO. .
BIG... BIG BROTHER.
A PRINCESS OF HITTITE IS STILL GOING TO MARRY RAMSES II.
EVERYONE, CONTINUE WITH THE PREPARATIONS!
EIMI HAKUPISSA.

PLEASE WELCOME HIS MAJESTY, RAMSES II.
MY, THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS.
I AM VERY SATIS-FIED.

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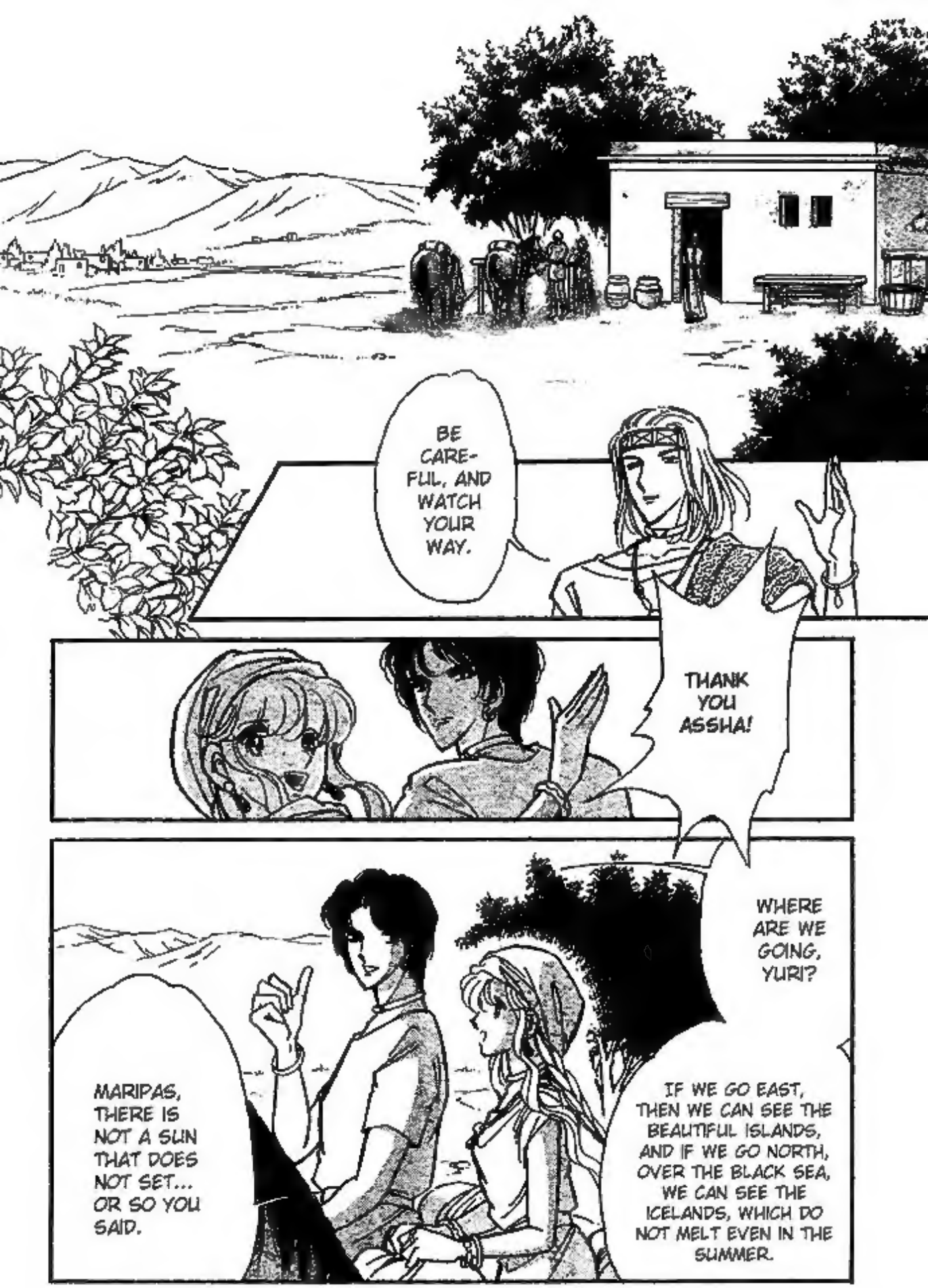
BE CARE-FUL, AND WATCH YOUR WAY.
THANK YOU ASSHA!
WHERE ARE WE GOING, YURI?
IF WE GO EAST, THEN WE CAN SEE THE BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS, AND IF WE GO NORTH, OVER THE BLACK SEA, WE CAN SEE THE ICELANDS, WHICH DO NOT MELT EVEN IN THE SUMMER.
MARIPAS, THERE IS NOT A SUN THAT DOES NOT SET... OR SO YOU SAID.

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THERE IS NO SUN WHICH DOES NOT SET...

AND THERE ARE NO COUNTRIES THAT LAST FOREVER...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS BECOME OF HITTITE OR EGYPT...

I ONLY KNOW THAT THE SUN RISES.